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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 536

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A RESOLUTION to extend the reporting deadline of the Forest Management Advisory Panel created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 230 of the 100th General Assembly.

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 230 of the 100th General Assembly established the Forest Management Advisory Panel “for the purpose of evaluating and recommending appropriate policy and programs that promote forest sustainability and sound stewardship of all Tennessee forestlands”; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Management Advisory Panel has worked with purpose and commitment to achieve the laudable goals expressed in Senate Joint Resolution No. 230; however, the panel has not yet been afforded ample time to examine the voluminous amount of scientific data available on sustainable forestry resource management practices; and

WHEREAS, although the members of the Advisory Panel have worked assiduously at their appointed task, additional time is needed for them to thoroughly examine authoritative data, form individual and collective conclusions, and reach consensus on their final findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Tennessee Forestry Commission and this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 230 makes provision for extending the Advisory Panel’s final reporting deadline; and

WHEREAS, because our forests are a vital part of this state’s economy and scenic beauty, the Forest Management Advisory Panel and its mandate are important to all

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Tennesseans, and the panel should be afforded adequate time to complete this comprehensive and complex study; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the deadline for the Forest Management Advisory Panel created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 230 of the 100th General Assembly to submit its final findings and recommendations is hereby extended to December 15, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in accordance with Senate Joint Resolution No. 230, the Tennessee Forestry Commission shall submit its response to the Forest Management Advisory Panel's final report with recommendations of the Commission to the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Governor, and respective Committees of the General Assembly no later than thirty (30) days after the Forest Management Advisory Panel submits its final report.